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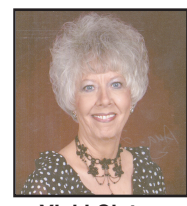
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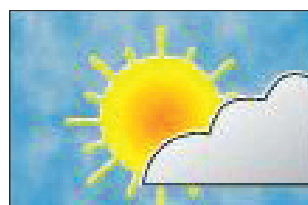
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County livestock show begins

Sheep bleats fill the air at HC fairbarns

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A junior livestock show is many things, but one thing it isn't is quiet. Take hundreds of bleating lambs and throw in a few decibels from grooming machines and other sources and you had the first day of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

The annual show, which attracted future farmers and ranchers from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Ackerly, began Wednesday afternoon and runs through Saturday at the county fairbarns located next to the Rodeo Bowl.

Lambs and goats took center stage Wednesday and Friday will feature steers and hogs. Tonight, however, will be highlighted by rabbits, which one does not automatically think of when considering farm animals.

But Tommy Yeater, county extension agent, said there's a good reason rabbits are standard livestock show animals.

"Rabbits are pretty much a starter project for many of the kids," Yeater said. "That's the perfect kind of animal for a kid who lives in town and doesn't have the space to care for a larger animal. You can put a rabbit in a cage in the back yard, but you can't necessarily put a steer or a pig in your back yard."

But if rabbits are the easiest — and smallest — show animal to care for, steers are unquestionably the toughest — and easily the largest.

"Steers are the most expensive and time-consuming," Yeater said. "Some weeks, my kids will spend four hours a day, three days a week, caring for



HERALD photos/
Steve Reagan

Above, Sloan Shaw of Ackerly grooms his lamb prior to competition at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Wednesday afternoon. At right, judge Robert Scott gives a few pointers to Reagan Hamlin. The show continues through Saturday at the county fairbarns.



Murder suspect returned to Okla.

By **SEAN MURPHY**
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — An ex-convict accused of strangling his ex-girlfriend and her four young children was returned to Oklahoma early Thursday from Texas following his arrest after a car crash.



Joshua Steven Durcho, 25, arrived at the Canadian County jail in El Reno, about 25 miles west of Oklahoma City, around 2 a.m., authorities said. A jailer said he didn't know when Durcho would make an initial court appearance.

Durcho waived extradition Wednesday during a brief court hearing in Hamilton County, where he was taken into custody Tuesday night after his vehicle struck a guardrail and tree, Texas officials said.

As he left the hearing, Durcho told reporters he was sorry "for getting into this (expletive) mess I didn't do."

His court-appointed Texas attorney, Rickey Bryan, did not respond to a request for comment.

Prosecutors in Oklahoma charged Durcho with five counts of first-degree murder Tuesday, a day after an El Reno police officer conduc-

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March planned here Monday evening in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

He led a struggle for racial equality that doomed segregation and changed the face of the United States forever, and local residents will take to the streets Monday to honor him.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize, and will be the focus of attention Monday as Americans come together in observance of Martin Luther King Day, an observation often marked in Big Spring by a march.

According to Big Spring City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., who is organizing this year's remembrance, the event will begin at 6 p.m. and walkers will head west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700 where the group will hold a prayer.

"It's such an honor to be a part of this, especially with it coming on the eve of President-Elect Barack Obama's inauguration. This is a very historic time for America, not just for African Americans, but for all minorities"

—Manuel Ramirez Jr., March organizer



"We'll all meet at 6 p.m. near the Nalley Pickle & Welch parking lot, located at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gregg Street," said Ramirez. "Participants are asked to bring a candle or flashlight, and everyone should

dress warm because the temperature really starts dropping at that time of the day.

"Marchers will be escorted by a fire truck and ambulance provided by the Big Spring Fire Department, as well as a pair of police cars from the Big Spring Police Department."

Ramirez said those wanting to show their support can do so without being daunted by the trek itself.

"If you want to march the entire way, that's great, but it's certainly not required," said Ramirez. "Some folks will have a car meet them at the stopping point so they don't have to make the round trip, or will ride to and from the stopping point, which is the intersection of FM 700 and MLK."

Ramirez said he's honored to be orga-

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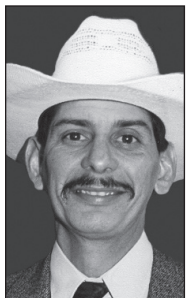
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Obituaries

Jesus Eusebio (Jessie) Flores



Jesus Eusebio (Jessie) Flores, 47, of Garden City went to meet his maker Jan. 13, 2009. Jessie was a great son, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. Jessie had a personality bigger than Texas and never met a stranger. He would always help a person in need and had a special place in his heart for children and youth.

Jessie created a drip irrigation model used to increase awareness of water conservation with elementary age students. Additionally, he volunteered countless hours at the Howard Cottage Pre-school and was instrumental in building the award winning "Ginger Bread House" float in a past Christmas Parade.

Jessie also coached YMCA basketball and Little League Baseball teams for more than six years and was a strong supporter of Garden City Bearkats athletics and youth programs.

Jessie grew up in the Hill Country of Texas in the agricultural community of Rocksprings. He worked for Walter (Buddy) Thurman since the tender age of 13, until he graduated from high school and gained a love for the great outdoors and working livestock. He shared his love of working and showing livestock with his children, as they participated in 4-H projects for more than 14 years.

Jessie was born Oct. 14, 1961, in Sonora to Jesus (Chuy) and Odelmira (Odel) Flores. He graduated from Rocksprings High School in 1981. Upon graduating from high school he enrolled and graduated from TSTI in Sweetwater. While at TSTI he met the love of his life, Ernestina (Tina) Hernandez of Sterling City. He and Tina married April 16, 1983, and in 2008 celebrated 25 years of marriage.

Jessie's greatest legacies are his two children, Anna Flores, 23, of Midland, and Jason Flores, 19, of Garden City. Jessie was Anna's and Jason's greatest supporter. If Anna and Jason were participating in a game, cross country/track meet or any spectator event, you could bet Jessie was present, providing guidance and support.

Jessie was employed by ECO-Drip, where he served as the district warehouse manager. The ECO-Drip employees were more than co-workers, they were his extended family.

Jessie is survived by his parents, Jesus (Chuy) Flores and Odelmira Baltazar Flores of San Angelo; his wife, Tina Flores of Garden City; a daughter, Anna Flores of Midland; a son, Jason Flores of Garden City; a sister, Dee Dee VonAhn and husband, Kurt, of Mexia; a sister, Elvira Gallegos and husband, Manuel, of San Angelo; a brother, Javier Flores and wife, Christy, of Big Spring; a niece, Jessica Gonzales and husband, Eric, of Big Spring; a niece, Kristie McClelland and husband, Joey, of San Antonio; a nephew, Taybor Flores of Big Spring; and a special aunt, Odelia Gartman of San Angelo.

A vigil/rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. A funeral mass will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Gettigan officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland 79701; or Home Hospice of Big Spring, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720; or the Jessie Flores 4-H Memorial Scholarship at the Glasscock County Bank, Garden City 79739.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday. Places are \$10. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be from noon until 3 p.m. at the post, 3202 W. Highway 80. Carry-outs are welcome. Everyone is invited.

Dr. Steven L. Brown will speak on Navigating the Medical Maze during Monday's noon meeting of the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association at the Howard College Cactus Room. Lunch is \$6. Contact Bo Fryar at jbfryar@crcom.net or 399-4510 or Jean Slate at 263-4080 for reservations through Friday. Dr. Brown is a clinical associate professor of internal medicine at Texas Tech University and a cardiologist in private practice in Midland. He has written numerous articles for medical and research journals.

Lucille Moore



Lucille Moore, 75, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Wayne Frost officiating.

She was born Feb. 20, 1933, in Quanah, Texas, and married Ken Moore Nov. 17, 1962, in Dallas.

She was raised in Quanah and attended school there. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a supervisor of Yellow Pages Advertising. After moving to Big Spring in 1989 she worked for C.R. Anthony for several years and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ken Moore of Big Spring; one brother, James Downey of Amarillo; one sister, Audine Riley of Wellington; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Maude Downey; and one sister, Margaret Koch.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St., Big Spring 79720, or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Angel Gonzales Jr.

Angel Gonzales Jr., infant son of Elizabeth and Angel Gonzales Sr. of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 12, 2009, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his parents, Elizabeth and Angel Gonzales Sr. of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, Leonor Gonzales of Big Spring and Jose Gonzales of Big Spring; four brothers, Justin Gonzales, Zachary Gonzales, Ethan Gonzales and Nathan Gonzales, all of Big Spring; and two sisters, Kayla Gonzales and Megan Gonzales, both of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his twin in November 2008; and maternal grandparents, Inez Gonzales and Margarita Gonzales.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Maria Alicia 'Alice' Salgado

Maria Alicia "Alice" Salgado, 58, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Arthur Gunn

Arthur Gunn, 68, of Coahoma died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **TABYTHA GARCIA**, 20, of 1011 Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on two local citations and a charge of reckless driving.
- **JOHNNY LARA**, 20, of 1011 S. Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on two local citations and a charge of reckless driving.
- **DAVID VALDES**, 18, of 610 Tulane, was arrested Wednesday on charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
- **CARL NICHOLSON**, 20, of 610 Tulane, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ROSANNA RODRIGUEZ**, 19, of 504 S. Goliad, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- **ROBERT WHITE**, 40, of 813 W. Eighth St., was arrested Thursday on three local warrants and a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Stadium.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.
- **AMANDA GAIL EGGLESTON**, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
 - **KENNETH LABRON MACLIN SR.**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
 - **JOHN BRECKENRIDGE**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated — open container and driving while license invalid/suspended — enhanced.
 - **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

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By Steve Becker
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♦	10 9 5	♣	K 9 5 3 2
EAST			
♠	J 6 5	♥	J 8 4
♦	8 6 3	♣	J 10 7 4
SOUTH			
♠	K 10 8 7 3	♥	A Q 9
♦	A J 2	♣	A Q

The bidding:
North East South West
3♠ Pass 6♣ Pass
Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

A good declarer never relaxes just because he has an excellent chance to make his contract. Regardless of how promising his prospects are, he goes a step further and tries to find a way to ensure a favorable outcome against any lie of the opposing cards. Consider this case where South arrived at six spades and West led a diamond. At this point, declarer could count 11 sure tricks, with a 12th in the offing if a club or heart

finesse worked. Since the chance of winning at least one of the finesses was 3-to-1 in his favor, South had good reason to feel confident of success.

But 3-to-1 shots have been known to fail. Indeed, had declarer relied solely on the odds, he would have gone down one on this occasion. Instead, he found an approach that eventually assured him of winding up with 12 tricks.

After taking the diamond lead with the ace, he drew trumps in three rounds, then cashed the jack and queen of diamonds. Declarer now made two key plays: He left the king of diamonds in dummy for the moment and led a heart to the nine.

West won with the ten but could not avoid handing South his 12th trick by returning a heart or a club into one of declarer's A-Q's. The other queen could then be discarded on the king of diamonds.

Observe that if South had cashed the king of diamonds too early, he would not have been able to profit from the discard. If, for example, he discarded the nine of hearts and then tried a heart or club finesse, West would win and return the suit. Sooner or later, the other finesse would have to be attempted, and the slam would be lost.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Support

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 41-28-5-33-47-51.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 35-23-28-32-25.
Number matching five of five: 2.
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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-8-1-6. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-2. Sum It Up: 13.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Dow. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street.

SHOW

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one ... And when you consider it takes about \$11 a day to feed one, you can see how expensive it gets."

Despite the expenses incurred or the time spent, the lessons learned caring for and preparing a show animal are worth it, Yeater stressed.

"They're getting lessons in responsibility and how to care for animals," he said. "It's very rewarding to see

kids who have worked so hard be successful."

The annual livestock show continues with rabbit judging, beginning at 6 p.m. today. It continues Friday with steer judging at 9 a.m. and barrow judging at 1 p.m.

"The show has really come together and is in good shape," Yeater said. "I really want to invite everyone to come out and view the proceedings."

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LeRoy Nichols, 89, died Monday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at Grace Fellowship Church of God. Burial with Military Honors was at Trinity Memorial Park.

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DURCHO

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ting a welfare check found 25-year-old Summer Garas and her children dead in their apartment in the Oklahoma City suburb.

Garas had three daughters — Kirsten Rust, 7; Autumn Rust, 6; and Evynn Garas, 3 — and a 4-year-old son, Teagin Rust.

Prosecutors intend to seek the death penalty, assistant district attorney Paul Hesse said Wednesday.

Each victim was strangled and had ligature marks around their neck, according to an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation affidavit filed in the case. The exact manner in which the strangulations were done was not clear, spokeswoman Jessica Brown said.

"We're not going to know until we talk to the guy," she said. "He's a big man. You can tell he's very large and very strong."

Court records show that Durcho is 5-foot-9 and about 235 pounds.

Garas' mother, Susan Rust of Carson City, Nev., told The Associated Press her

daughter ended her relationship with Durcho on Sunday.

"She said it was over and it was done, and apparently that didn't go over very well," Rust said Wednesday.

"I hope he gets the slowest, most painful death because that's what he has earned. Hell is too good for him," she added.

After the killings, Durcho reportedly drove to Edmond and told a friend he choked Summer Garas until she was dead and that the children were with Garas' mother in Nevada, according to the affidavit.

MLK

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nizing this year's event, which hold's special meaning not just for him, but for all people of color.

"It's such an honor to be a part of this, especially with it coming on the eve of President Elect Barack Obama's inauguration," said Ramirez. "This is a

very historic time for America, not just for African Americans, but for all minorities. I'm hoping people of all faith and ethnic backgrounds will come out and march with us, and possibly make this the biggest turnout we've ever seen in Big Spring. That would really mean a lot to me."

Ramirez said Deacon Johnny Arguello and several other local religious leaders have been

asked to attend and participate in the rally following the march.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tenn., where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, King was assassinated.

The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination. Pres-

ident Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed in 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

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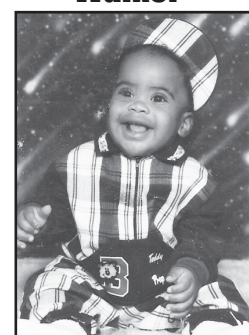
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By Eddy Pitchford

Parents spend time and money to equip their children for success. Some seek success through sports while others focus on academics or music. Coaches, tutors and specialists are hired to train the leaders of tomorrow.

Parents should be commended for helping their children but a word of caution is in order. Children can develop an unhealthy need for approval and attention, which may actually hurt chances for success. Furthermore, some children are taught busyness rather than balance.

As you pray about your family schedules and the future for your children, another thought should be pondered: "For what profit is it to a man if he gain the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) Define success accordingly!

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OTHER VIEWS

Bush's failures will overshadow any achievement

Few presidents leave the Oval Office hoisted upon the shoulders of a grateful, cheering American public, but usually there is at least some standing applause and thanks. That is not how it will be next week for President George W. Bush, and that is sad for the American people.

Bush leaves office with some of the lowest approval ratings in the history of presidential polling, thanks to the war in Iraq, the bungling of Hurricane Katrina relief, the collapse of the financial markets and more.

His supporters say that, like President Harry S. Truman, who also left office under deep disapproval, the verdict on his presidency will improve as Americans gain more perspective. Perhaps.

It seems more likely that Bush's reputation will never fully recover, that, like President Richard Nixon or President Lyndon B. Johnson, his presidency's failures will overwhelm any achievements that can be cited. Nixon's opening to China will never overcome Watergate, and Johnson's landmark work for civil rights cannot erase the Vietnam War.

We're disappointed and surprised by Bush's performance as president. Nothing in his record as governor of Texas suggested that he would so badly handle the job of president and that he would try to take the nation so far to the right politically. He governed here as a moderately conservative Republican and campaigned under the same colors for president.

His presidency will be judged mostly on the war in Iraq.

No matter how Bush and his supporters explain the intelligence they used to justify the invasion of Iraq, the fact remains that no weapons of mass destruction were found. No link was ever found between those responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein. And even if, some day, Iraq emerges as a peaceful, democratic regime, that was not the goal touted by Bush in ordering the invasion and selling it to the American people.

Still, a more adept, better-prepared and less arrogant administration might have managed a post-invasion Iraq in a way that would have helped create a decent government with far less violence than occurred. But the Bush administration committed one error after another in Iraq and seemed incapable of either admitting or correcting those errors.

The Abu Ghraib prison scandal in Iraq was not just the product of a few bad-apple soldiers. The president and his vice president, Dick Cheney, set the tone for American treatment of prisoners, and that tone was decidedly tolerant toward what most of the democratic world and most Americans consider torture. That's a stain on American honor that will take a long time to remove.

Only after the disastrous 2006 election for Republicans in this country not after thousands of deaths in Iraq did Bush dismiss his secretary of defense, Donald Rumsfeld. And then Bush began pushing the "surge" sending more troops to Iraq to suppress the violence, something he had been warned would be needed even before the 2003 invasion.

Bush's real downfall back home, though, began with his administration's shockingly incompetent reaction to the Hurricane Katrina disaster in 2005. Some of his closest aides have agreed that the disaster marked the beginning of his downward slide in public approval.

Through most of the controversies of his administration, the president touted a strong economy, and his supporters said he never got enough political credit for it or the huge tax cuts he engineered. But if the president wants credit for the economy when it appeared prosperous, he must also share in the blame for its collapse in the last year of his administration.

The Bush administration's faith in letting the markets soar with no regulatory restraints blew up in several ways. The \$50 billion Bernard Madoff scandal that the Securities and Exchange Commission failed to detect might be the most vivid example.

He won office in 2000 in an election marred by the Florida vote count controversy. The American people gave him a solid, if unspectacular, victory in 2004.

But we don't deny the obvious: Bush as president failed, and that failure has hurt the nation.

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Obama's conflicting goals

President-elect Barack Obama's enormous stimulus package would be scary enough without learning the details. To inject the same staggering amount of government-created or borrowed money into the economy as has already been spent or set aside for the government bailout when there's no proof it will jumpstart our economy and no thought given to how we're going to recoup this money is madness. But when you hear some of the uses he has for this money, it is way beyond madness.



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Let's put aside for a moment our valid objections to the Keynesian idea that the government can create prosperity simply by printing and distributing money as if it were "Monopoly" money. If that were true, the only limit to our sustained prosperity would be the amounts of paper and ink we could produce.

Let's also put aside the enormity of the liberal hypocrisy of railing against deficit spending for the past eight years, as Obama stands blissfully poised to dwarf those records.

Instead, let's just examine Obama's inflexible commitment to two conflicting goals, as evidenced in his interview on "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos: 1) spending the "Monopoly" money in a way most likely to stimulate the economy (assuming here the validity of Keynesian theory) and 2) spending the money in a way most likely to satisfy liberal social planners.

Obama said: "Here are a few things we're going to do. We are going to double alternative energy production. We are going to weatherize 2 million homes. We are going to create a much more

efficient energy system."

Can someone explain how these ideas, apart from constitutional objections, are going to do much more than lower utility bills for those the liberal planners decide are worthy and please the High Church of Al Gore? But stimulate the economy? Please.

But Obama was just getting warmed up. "I think," he said, "we can create a new green economy. And that's going to be one of the keys to the 21st century." Perhaps someone can provide Mr. Obama and his advisers with some history textbooks detailing the miserable failure of the Soviets' various five-year plans, assuming such texts haven't been burned.

Obama further promised to use some of the "Monopoly" money to invest in health care and education, as if throwing play money at these problem areas has worked or will work to improve their quality or reduce their costs — much less stimulate the economy.

But who can doubt that they will make leftist planners happy?

Moving on, Obama, to make doubly sure to mollify his leftist critics out there, quickly dismissed the notion that tax cuts, even targeted ones, are as dear to his heart as spending. When Stephanopoulos asked him whether the tax cuts would really create jobs or he was including them just to get Republican votes, he said: "Well, let's look at the package as a whole; the bulk of the package is direct government spending." Boy, that's a relief — knowing that most of this stimulus package will be based on failed theories.

Obama continued, "(Tax cuts) may not help as much as some of the direct spending projects do, but they still provide a stimulus, especially if they are targeted towards people who are really in need."

OK, we get it, Mr. Obama; you believe market-driven economic growth is inferior to government-induced growth. But could you please enlighten us as to your counterintuitive and counter-logical position that targeting tax cuts toward people "who are really in need" will provide the greatest stimulus?

It sure makes for lofty sound bite material and gets you major points with the compassion police and the decriers of "trickledown economics," but it will take more than a profession of good intentions to square this circle. If you have the audacity to implement this plan, we'll see just how well "trickle-up" works.

As Obama's first term unfolds, it will be interesting to observe whether and how Obama will make adjustments to his campaign rhetoric as reality hits him squarely in the face, as it already has with the Guantanamo prison. He now admits Gitmo won't be as easy to close as he glibly indicated before. He would have us believe he's just now coming to grips with the fact that there are "a bunch of dangerous folks" down there. Oh, boy.

I must confess that I would be far less concerned if the worst we could say about Obama were that he was a dishonest campaigner and that now that he's elected he'll do the right thing.

But I'll have to leave such sanguine expectations to others and remain prepared for him to expand government beyond our wildest nightmares.

And while I know this may shock many of us who have basked in freedom our entire lives, there is a tipping point, folks, and I fear we are approaching it.

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A view from the 81st Legislature

As the 81st Legislature kicks off this week, it is difficult to tell what, after the budget, will be the most notable issues to mark the session. For me, they will be issues related to water, groundwater conservation districts, and authoritative oversight.

But first will come the budget. Based upon the Comptroller's estimate of early January, the State will have available \$77.1 billion for general purpose spending as opposed to the \$86.2 billion in the 2008-09 biennium. There are numerous other funds that will be utilized to arrive at a state budget that will be something over \$155 billion, but it is clear that spending ability is going to be limited. One thing is clear, the working people of the state of Texas do not believe that they are undertaxed, and so I believe our emphasis must be on the spending side of the ledger.

It is clear that with inflation and enrollment growth alone, we must put more money into public education. Some of the other clear priorities are health care, criminal justice, transportation, higher education, and others that, at the very least, are affected by inflation.

I will introduce some important and effective legislation dealing with water issues. Now, it is a long process to bring areas that use groundwater and are not in conservation districts

into the regulatory fold. Some of these are called priority groundwater management areas, and we hope to streamline this process. We must deal with the realization that our "Ogallala Strategy" is planned depletion. And so, we must plan and conserve as if the future of the Panhandle and the South Plains depends on a conservation-based strategy that ensures that the industrial and agricultural viability of our area for the long term. To do that, we must have some authority that ensures that our local regulatory entities implement plans that really do conserve the precious water.

As healthcare has grown to be about 30 percent of the state's budget, Texas still has a large percentage of its population, adult and child, uninsured. We must address this challenge and, in the long term, address the cost of healthcare which is the underlying challenge for the entire system.

As a former local official, I am always sensitive to issues like local control, which I believe is essential to good government. We must make sure that if a state mandate for cities, towns, schools, or counties is such a good idea, then the state should fund it instead of further taxing the local community.

There are presently 158,000 individuals incarcerated by the State of Texas in a large, complex and expensive system. The number of unfilled jobs undermines the security of the system and must be addressed to see that this system is safe and effective. At the very least, we must pay a wage that will allow us to retain a workforce upon which

the system depends.

The Texas Youth Commission has gotten a lot of attention over the last two years, and this legislature will be very important in determining the future of the juvenile justice system. There has been a proposal to combine TYC with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, which currently serves 95 percent of youth in the juvenile justice system. If this is to be considered, it must be done carefully. One option is a phased-in approach, which would simultaneously decrease the population of TYC while providing additional funding to county probation departments to serve more youth locally. Additionally, I think we must address some individuals whose needs and conditions would indicate more effective treatment in a state hospital setting than in a correctional one.

Clearly, there are many more issues to be confronted in the 81st Legislature.

But it is important to realize that no matter how hectic the next 140 days may be, representative government is still interactive.

As these issues develop, it is very important to know how our approaches, ideas, and solutions will work to serve Texans, so I hope the people, schools, businesses and others in the 31st District will communicate with me and our staff so that we all play an effective role in a process that affects and should serve all Texans.

State Sen Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, represents the 31st Senatorial District of Texas which includes Howard County.

News in brief

Chief expresses "outrage" at Israeli shelling of U.N. compound

JERUSALEM (AP) — The U.N. chief says he has expressed "strong protest and outrage" to Israel over the shelling of a United Nations compound in Gaza City.

Ban Ki-moon is demanding an investigation into Thursday's shelling. He says Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak has told him it was a "grave mistake."

Israeli shells damaged the international organization's headquarters in Gaza City, according to witnesses and U.N. officials. U.N. spokesman Chris Gunness says at least three people were wounded.

Israel launched an offensive against Hamas in Gaza on Dec. 27.

Obama awaits vote in Senate for \$350 billion bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not quite the president yet and Barack Obama is looking for his first legislative victory.

A wary Senate is scheduled to vote Thursday on Obama's request for \$350 billion in financial bailout money — the first installment of his economic recovery plan.

When President George W. Bush asked for the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program last fall, he won it in part because his economic advisers painted a doomsday economic scenario.

If Obama wins the release of the second half of that fund Thursday, it will be in part because Bush's economic advisers aren't making the pitch again.

Bush to say goodbye on his own terms

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George W. Bush's farewell speech is more than a goodbye to the nation that elected him twice. It is his last chance in office to define his tumultuous presidency in his own, unfiltered terms — a mission that will keep his fire burning even after he fades off to a quieter life.

Bush will say goodbye to the country Thursday night. He will follow the script of Presidents Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter and many before them: Express thanks to the country and pride in the honor of serving, wish the next president well and outline what he considers to be the biggest challenges ahead.

And there will be looking back.

For presidents, parting thoughts are not about parting shots. This will be no different. But Bush is proud of his record and will go out defending it.

A.G.-designate Holder to face Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eric Holder Jr. planned to acknowledge past mistakes as he braced for a

Republican grilling in his confirmation hearing, his path to becoming the nation's first African-American attorney general rockier than President-elect Barack Obama's other Cabinet choices.

Republicans see Thursday's hearing as their best early forum for showing that as a minority party, they're still relevant despite a Democratic sweep in November.

Holder's prepared opening statement, obtained by The Associated Press, does not address the specific issues of character and independence that Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee have raised.

But it does set a conciliatory tone, with Holder asserting he made more good decisions than bad ones.

Clinton expected to be swiftly endorsed as new secretary of state

WASHINGTON (AP) — With no daylight showing between congressional Democrats and the next administration's foreign policy team, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to be swiftly endorsed by a Senate panel as President-elect Barack Obama's new secretary of state.

Indications from both parties this week were that Clinton would win a near-unanimous vote Thursday in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"No problema," Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., a member of the committee, said of Clinton's prospects.

And on the issues, Nelson added, "we see it very similarly."

Democrats and Republicans alike praised Clinton's acumen on the issues, although some Republicans, worrying about potential ethics conflicts, still criticized former President Bill Clinton's charitable foundation for continuing to accept overseas contributions once she takes office.

Money manager faces federal charges

CHATTAHOOCHEE, Fla. (AP) — The avalanche of legal and personal problems tumbling onto a brazen investor grew with the addition of federal charges that he faked a distress call and crashed his plane in an attempt to foil authorities.

The charges were announced Wednesday as Marcus Schrenker, 38, recovered in a heavily guarded hospital room after an apparent suicide attempt. His three-day run from the law — and impending financial and personal ruin — ended late Tuesday night when U.S. Marshals found him semiconscious inside a tent at a Florida campground, muttering the word "die" as he bled from a self-inflicted gash to his left wrist.

Scott Wilson, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Northern District of Florida, said Schrenker was charged with intentionally wrecking the aircraft, which forced the Coast Guard to launch a costly and unnecessary search-and-rescue effort.

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment for the Howard County Law Enforcement Center, Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office the Howard County Auditor, Ms. Jackie Olson until 9:30 A.M. January 30th, 2009. For regular mail, please use: PO Box 1949 Big Spring, Texas 79721. For **HAND or OVERNIGHT DELIVERY ONLY**, please use: Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 432/264-2210, it is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure timely delivery of their proposal. The Howard County Auditor will open and present the bids to the Howard County Commissioners Court on January 30th, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the County courtroom on the second floor of the County Courthouse located 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The work to be executed as herein described and shown on the drawings entitled Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment for Howard County Law Enforcement Center Texas, consists of furnishing of all materials, labor, equipment for Appliances, Audio/visual Systems, Storage Systems and services necessary or reasonably incidental to complete the construction of the aforementioned project on a site shown and described on the drawings. This bid opening is for furniture, fixtures and equipment only.

Interested bidders may obtain Drawings, Specifications and Bidding Documents at the office of the Architect, Southwest Architects, Inc., 4200 South Hulen, Suite 534, Fort Worth, Texas 76109 or the Howard County Auditor office at 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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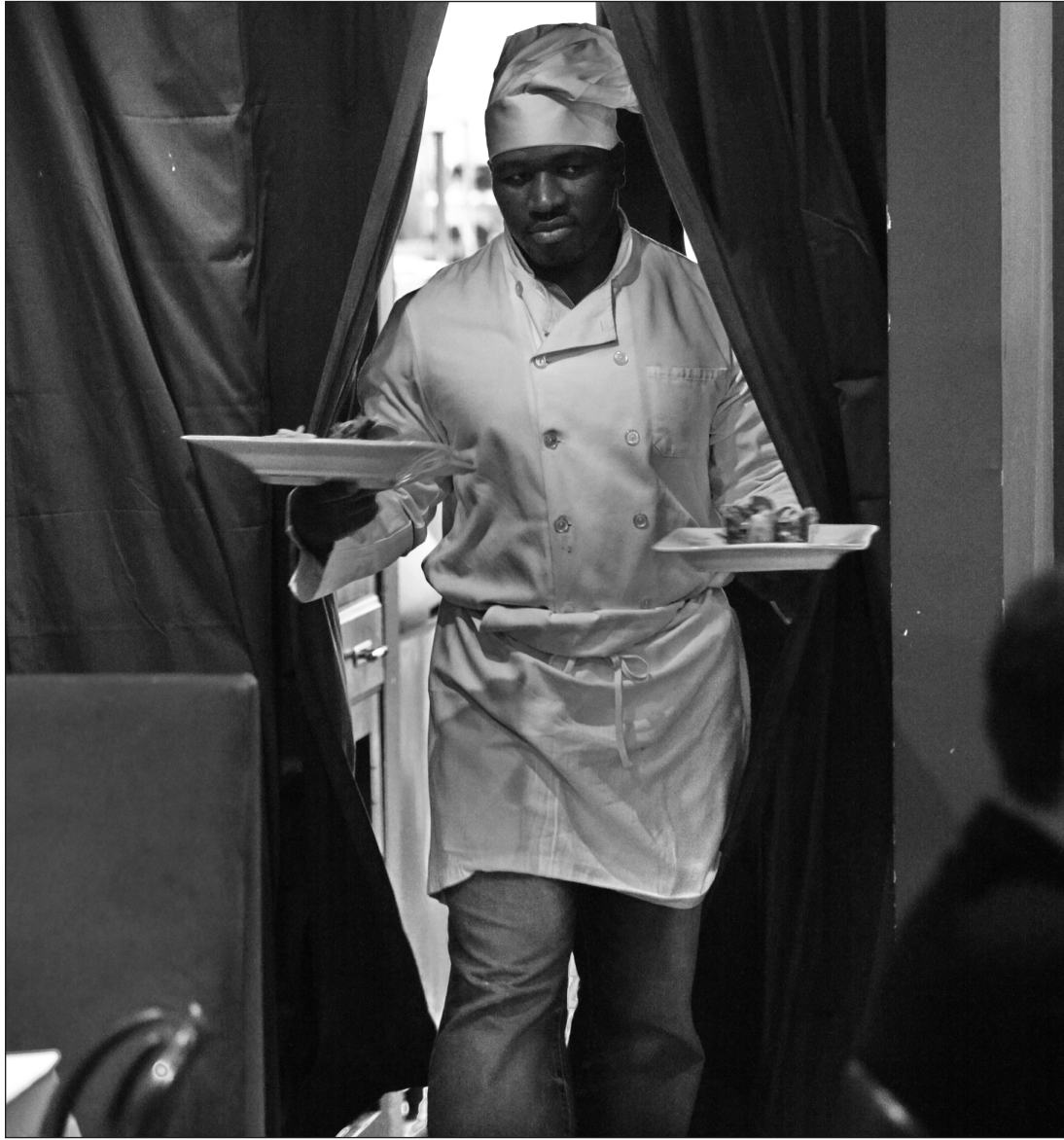
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Amos Zereoue, former NFL player and head chef, serves meals at his African-French fusion restaurant Zereoue in New York, Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Sports-star restaurants have to earn their diners' stars

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Amos Zereoue grew up in a family where cooking was important, where meals were more than mac-n-cheese in the microwave. So when Jean Claude Zereoue found his son subsisting on ramen noodles at college, he quickly rectified the situation, providing Amos with some basic culinary skills.

It stuck with him: Not long after his seven-year career as an NFL running back ended, Zereoue opened his own restaurant, an African-French fusion place in Midtown Manhattan.

And, unlike so many other athlete-owned restaurants that quickly flame out, Zereoue has been a success because the owner put more than just his name into it.

"I didn't want to be that guy who put the money in someone else's hands and watch it go to waste," Zereoue said. "The restaurant thing, it's a very difficult business I didn't realize how difficult it was until I actually got into it."

If you live in a city with a professional sports franchise, chances are there's an athlete-owned restaurant nearby. The difference between the successes and failures, at least in the long-term, is what's inside the restaurant, not who's name is outside it.

Michael Jordan has steak places in New York and Chicago, so does former Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, in Florida and Las Vegas.

Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky has a restaurant in Toronto; former Chicago Bears player and coach Mike Ditka has places in the Windy City and Pittsburgh; and there are steakhouses named after John Elway in Denver.

And it's not just the stars who have their own places.

Former NBA player Dan Majerle owns two Marjele Sports Grills in Arizona. Former Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Mike Alstott is proprietor of the Island

Way Grill. There's also Al Hrabosky's Ballpark Saloon in St. Louis, named after the former pitcher.

These places run the culinary gamut, from the predictable sports bars — these are athletes, after all — serving buffalo wings and beer to five-star steakhouses with elaborate wine lists.

Some have been rousing successes, like Michael Jordan's Steak House in Manhattan, the two Elway's locations in Denver, or former Miami

kind of extends their brand," said Kate Krader, restaurant editor for Food & Wine Magazine. "It's a place where fans can come and they can get some of the acclaim they're used to from playing."

Some athletes are intricately involved in their restaurants, picking the decor, developing the menu, choosing the chef.

Baseball player Jim Edmonds had a hand in just about every detail when his restaurant, F-

athletes or celebrities, that's never going to hurt you," Krader said.

But if the athlete isn't around? Chances are the restaurant isn't going to last.

Jared Allen's Sports Arena and Grill in Kansas City is a prime example.

When the restaurant opened in March, its namesake was one of the most popular players on the Kansas City Chiefs roster. After Allen was traded to the Minnesota Vikings two months later, his partners tried to keep the place open, hoping his name alone was a strong enough draw.

No chance. Allen's restaurant closed about a month after the trade, a pile of trash in front of the shuttered doors where the player once stood greeting customers at the opening.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," Tristano said. "It's very tough and your name isn't as strong as a Michael Jordan or a Tiger Woods, you're not likely going to have the long-term success, especially if you're traded. The restaurant is only going to go as far as the athlete's name carries it."

The exception, of course, is the athlete who actually puts some time and thought into how his restaurant is run.

Count Zereoue in that group.

He didn't just throw his name and some money at the restaurant. Zereoue consulted with his family, people in the restaurant business, then surrounded himself with capable businesspeople, kitchen staff.

The approach made Zereoue a success in a crowded Manhattan restaurant market and its owner as proud of the rave reviews as anything he did on a football field.

"If it works, great, then you feel like you put what you needed to make it successful. If not, you also know you're a big reason why it didn't work," he said. "I'm proud of what comes out of the kitchen."



Dolphins coach Don Shula's chain of steak places.

There also have been numerous big-name athletes who have closed up shop, including George Brett, Dwyane Wade and Brett Hull.

No matter how cool it might be to see photos of Larry Bird while you're eating or how exciting it might be for that slight chance Johnny Bench may walk through the door, people aren't going to come back if the food is horrible or the service bad.

"You have to have other reasons to go to the restaurant other than the athlete possibly being there or the memorabilia because that can be fun once," said Darren Tristano of Technomic Inc., a Chicago-based restaurant consulting and research firm. "The food and the execution and the concept are going to play heavily into it."

Clearly, celebrity plays a part, too. A restaurant gives the famous a chance to branch out to a world beyond the playing fields.

"Athletes, especially the high-profile ones, who open up restaurants, it

15teen, opened in St. Louis, and he's kept track of it even while playing in San Diego and for the Chicago Cubs.

"If it's going to have my name on it, I want everything to be just right," he said.

Others, well, they don't care quite as much, lending their name, a little money, not much else.

"I don't even know why I opened the place," said Detroit Red Wings forward Chris Chelios, owner of Cheli's Chili Bar in Detroit. "My mom and dad wanted me to do it, so I did."

No matter how involved an athlete is in their restaurant, one thing is for certain: they need to show up every once in a while to give it a chance at success.

Sports fans will do just about anything to feel close to their favorite players, from wearing their jerseys to buying autographed pictures.

The chance that the athlete might show up at his restaurant? That's enough to order a \$20 plate of fish 'n' chips right there.

"If you feel like you're going to see some kind of

Tomorrow's Horoscope

It seems there's nothing that can't be improved and maybe your mind is overrun with ideas about how the world would run much better were you suddenly put in charge. If you enjoy the habit of lighthearted complaining, you could have a most pleasant kvetch with friends who are similarly predisposed.

Some solutions might actually get applied.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your delightful, diplomatic way with people will finally pay off. You realize one of your top objectives.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). With one part forgiveness and two parts wisdom you will fill one of those nasty potholes in your personal life. Now you'll never have to stumble down that road again. Full steam ahead in a brand new direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've a novel perspective and verbal facility. This makes you fun at parties. Snoop around and see what's going on for this weekend. Make sure you're invited to mingle in a mix of people who would interest you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The climate around you is wildly energized. Chances are it's an attractive someone who charges your imagination so. This person is your ideal muse, at least for now, though he or she never has to know about this playful casting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A missed opportunity might have you wanting to scream, flail and kung fu the seemingly evil drywall. Take it easy on yourself — and the plaster. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It has been said that the cost of living has not affected its popularity. This is especially true with you and you're not about to cut back if it means slicing into your pieces of the fun pie. Go on and live large.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll want to hear your own thoughts, but others will prevent this as they leap from subject to subject chattering up the atmosphere. Consider this a test. Do what it takes to find quiet and you'll appreciate it better for the effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Jump at the chance to help a loved one heal from some oppressive experiences in the past. Your sympathy and kindness will, in turn, help rebuild your sense of belonging and purpose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Presenting your ideas in an eloquent way may prove difficult even though you've worked so diligently to prepare. If you can't convince them, confuse them. You'll scrape by and live to persuade another day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel fidgety,

full of new ideas and interests. This is your opening to do things that take energy, require brainpower, flexibility and cleverness. You'll find the mishmash exhilarating, productive and fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One important decision will excavate you from the problems of your past. If you trust your vision — and not the prejudiced perspective of others — you'll glow in the light at the end of the tunnel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're daring with your fun and need to be with people who also see the current situation as a game. An Aries can help you make sport of the intriguing possibilities that have been spinning in your intellect.

COSMIC CAREER SPECIAL: CANCER AT WORK: The thing about Cancer women at work is that it doesn't always look like work is getting done. Surfing the Internet or chatting with friends looks suspiciously like a person using their free time, but make no mistake, when Cancer engages in such activities, work is getting done.

Cancer likes to let unsolved problems have their breathing room, and with the extra space they just might resolve themselves. If not, that space leaves room for Cancer's massive intuition and creativity to create quick and effective solutions.

Cancer doesn't like to be rushed or pressured and has no problem letting colleagues know if they are cramping their style.

Cancer uses those crabby pincers to nip problems in the bud. Though all in all, Cancer is a pretty laid back leader. For Cancer to stay in a job for the long term — which is Cancer's preferred term usually — the moonchild needs to be extremely comfortable. Conversely,

Cancer's superpower at work is making others feel comfortable. Whether it's the boss, the workers, the clients or general public, Cancer has a special touch that allows people to let down their guard — and take out their wallet.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: LL Cool J had a hardscrabble childhood marked by violence and misfortune. He turned his life into an artistic statement and became an important contributor to rap music, film and business.

He approaches his career with the attention and business acumen Capricorn is known for, having made a point early on as an artist to be a part of all marketing meetings concerning his "brand."

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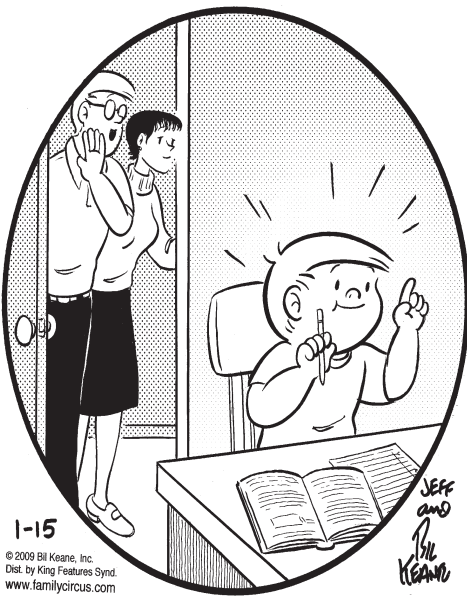
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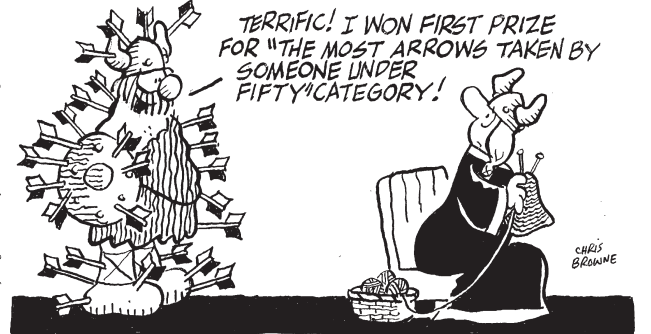
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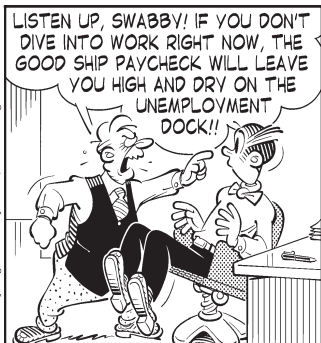


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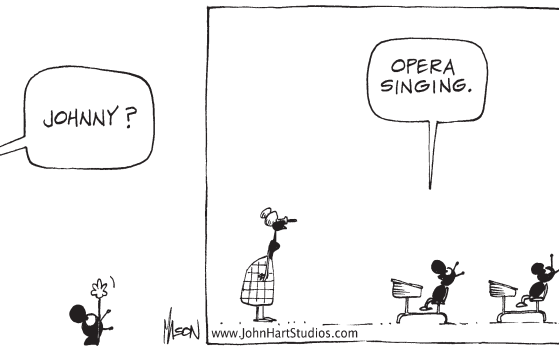
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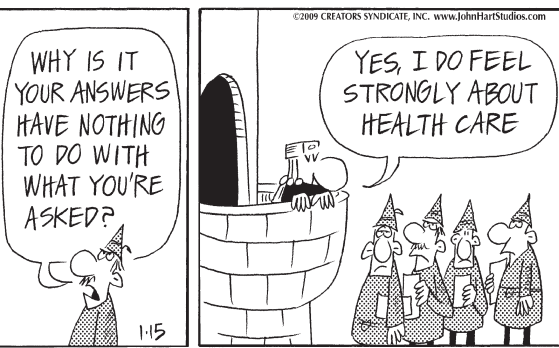
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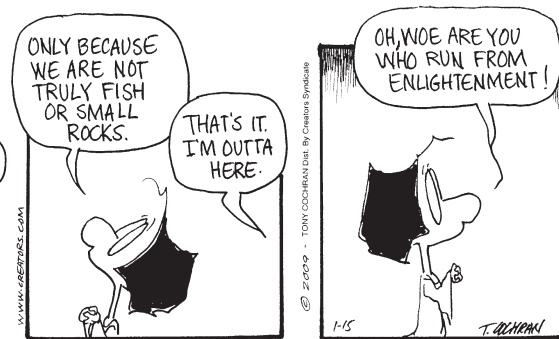
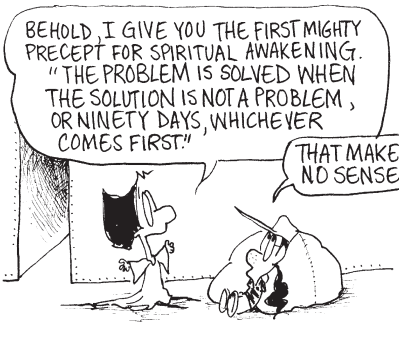
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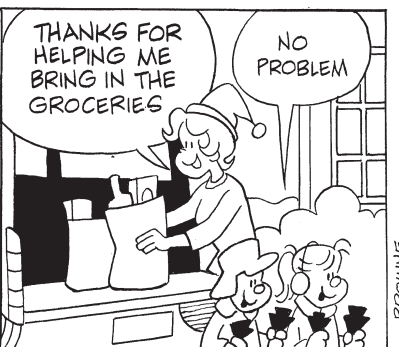
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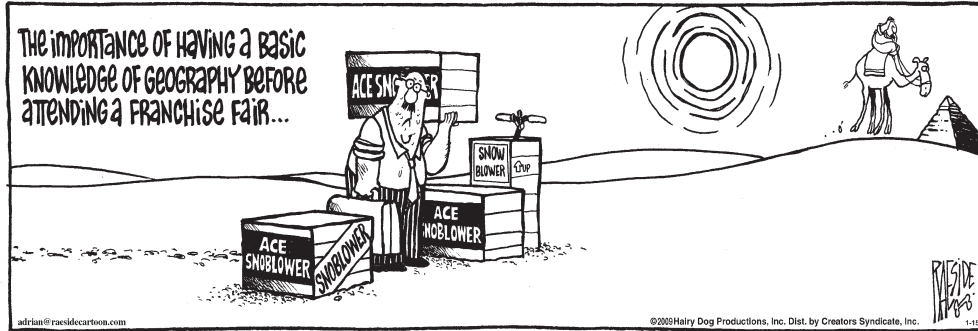
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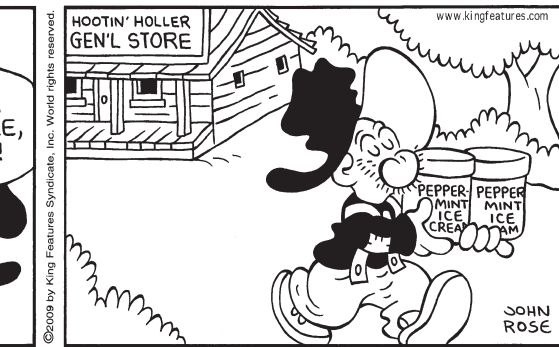
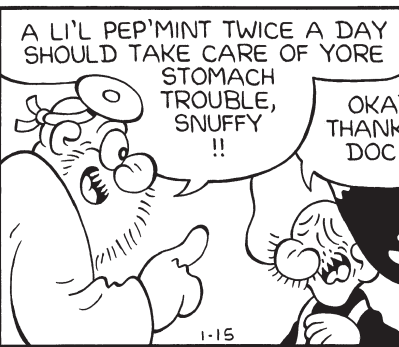
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2009. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date: In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The tiny republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

In 1909, jazz drummer and composer Gene Krupa was born in Chicago.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Defense.

In 1947, the mutilated remains of Elizabeth Short, the 22-year-old aspiring actress nicknamed the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot; her slaying remains unsolved.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1989, NATO, the Warsaw Pact and 12 other European countries adopted a human rights and security agreement in Vienna, Austria.

One year ago: Mitt Romney scored his first major primary victory in his native Michigan. During a visit to Saudi Arabia, President George W. Bush warned that surging oil prices threatened the U.S. economy and he urged OPEC nations to boost their output.

Today's Birthdays: Actress

Margaret O'Brien is 72. Singer Don Van Vliet (aka "Captain Beefheart") is 68. Actress Andrea Martin is 62. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 52. Actor James Nesbitt is 44. Singer Lisa Lisa (Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam) is 42. Actor Chad Lowe is 41. Actress Regina King is 38. Actor Eddie Cahill is 31. Rapper/reggaeton artist Pitbull is 28.

Thought for Today: "One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means." — Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pear variety
 - 5 Sunday service
 - 9 Bridge call
 - 14 Hand's shout
 - 15 Easter bloom
 - 16 Personnel person
 - 17 Dietary element, for short
 - 18 Star counsel
 - 20 Popular cookie
 - 21 Nebr. neighbor
 - 22 Dwell (on)
 - 23 Not roomy
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 - 26 Auto-shop employee
 - 33 Sternward
 - 36 Break off
 - 37 Monopoly railroad
 - 38 Numismatic specimen
 - 40 Takes out text
 - 42 Percussion instrument
 - 43 Clod from a course
 - 45 Shabby
 - 47 Cote comment
 - 48 One with lots of duds
 - 51 AAA suggestion
 - 52 Enticement
 - 56 "Be right with you!"
 - 60 Upper limit
 - 62 Those on one side
 - 63 Publicity seeker
 - 65 Basics
 - 66 Change for the better
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 - 68 Benefit
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 - 70 Remote button
 - 71 Figurine mineral
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 - 12 Torment and Tills
 - 13 Head of the co.
 - 19 Fertile soil
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 - 27 Opposed
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 - 29 Shrew
 - 30 Dresser feature
 - 31 Hairspray mom
 - 32 Exercise system
 - 33 Letters on an adaptor
 - 34 Fencing blade
 - 35 TV attachment
 - 39 "___ even a mouse"
 - 41 Sit astride
 - 44 Spool fillers
 - 46 Fashion monogram
 - 49 Write with acid
 - 50 Lone Star city
 - 53 Citified
 - 54 Less than smooth
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BRADFORD

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Bradford, who has thrown for 7,841 yards and 86 touchdowns in two seasons. "Obviously with Trent and Jermaine coming back ... I feel like we're going to be very solid on offense again, and I think that's one of the strong points of this program is we're able to replace players. Every year we lose guys.

"Last year, we lost Malcolm Kelly and everyone wondered if we'd be able to fill in the wide receiver position, and we did."

Williams, who started the opener at left tackle but spent the rest of the season on the right side, figures to be the focal point of the front line. While the rest of the starters will be gone, the backups got plenty of experience as the Sooners racked up big leads in most games and let their reserves play the fourth quarter.

Stoops said he didn't think Bradford was risking

his status as a high first-round NFL draft pick by coming back with uncertainty on the offensive line that's supposed to protect him.

"You don't think those guys watching tape know when you're driving a Cadillac and know when you're driving a BMW? They know what you're driving," Stoops said, referring to NFL scouts and general managers.

"If he isn't protected quite as well next year, they're going to know that. But in the same way, I feel we've got a really good offensive line coming back."

It will be difficult to protect Bradford better than this year's line, which yielded only 13 sacks in 14 games to give him time to lead the nation in passing efficiency and throw a school-record 50 touchdown passes.

"We have a pretty good track record of protecting our quarterback. ... That's always a priority for us and of course it will be this year," Stoops said. "We're not a team that's asking Sam to run around a bunch and take a bunch of risks, and we're smart

about how we'll use our guy."

Oklahoma's defense will remain relatively intact except at safety, where Lendy Holmes and Nic Harris were the only senior starters. Cory Bennett and Alan Davis, who played as reserves on the line, have also finished their careers. However, defensive tackle Gerald McCoy was also among those that skipped a chance to enter the NFL draft in the wake of the Sooners' 24-14 loss to top-ranked Florida in Miami last week.

"Of course you're disappointed ... but we move on. We're already on to next year in our focus and what we're looking at," Stoops said. "I look back on the year and look at all the good fortune and all the positives of a great year and working with a fun team to work with everyday."

And what about 2010?
"We'll cross that bridge when it comes," Bradford said.

MAVS

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tonight, they were going under ball screens and forcing me to shoot, so that's what I had to do," Paul said.

Hornets coach Byron Scott was surprised the Mavericks relied on a bigger guy like Wright to try staying with Paul. He wasn't surprised that Paul exploited it, especially with New Orleans coming off an ugly home loss and a 2-3 rut that cost it first place in the strong Southwest Division.

"You don't expect a triple-double every night and you don't expect him to have seven steals, either, but it was one of those games where he was all over the place," Scott said. "He's a very special player."

But, wait — there's more.

Paul also guarded Jason Terry in the second half. Terry had 18 points before Paul took

over, 10 after.

"I wanted to defend Jason Terry to slow him down a little bit," Paul said. "Because he's so quick, it has to be another quick guy to defend him, so we did a great job playing team defense and we slowed the team down."

Peja Stojakovic and David West each scored 16 points for New Orleans, and Devin Brown had 12. It was the Hornets' first regular-season victory in Dallas since Jan. 24, 1998. The skid was 13 straight, although they won a playoff game here last spring.

"We really didn't want to double-team (Paul) that much and leave all the shooters open and he used that freedom and killed us," said Mavs star Dirk Nowitzki, who had 20 points and 13 rebounds. "Either you get the ball out of his hands and leave the shooters around him open or you let him beat you and that's what he did."

Antoine Wright was the only other Dallas

player in double figures, scoring 15.

Kidd had a triple-seven, hitting that figure in points, rebounds and assists. He was 2-of-9 shooting, a slight improvement over the 1-for-9 he shot the previous two games.

Dallas was coming off a hard-fought, last-second loss in Denver the night before, and it showed. After controlling the game for most of the first half, the Mavs came out of a back-and-forth third quarter tied at 79. They were only 3-of-12 with five turnovers in the final period when fans started heading for the exits.

"I won't fault our effort," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We just didn't play as good as a game that we needed to play."

Because the star point guards rarely went head-to-head, there weren't many eye-popping battles between them.

But there was still one real good one in the opening minutes of the

second half, when Paul stole the ball from Nowitzki, then used a behind-the-back dribble to get free from Kidd on his way to scooping in a layup.

Perhaps the Mavericks should've been more aware of Paul's quick hands. His career high of nine steals came against them.

"We were careless with the ball," Terry said. "He leads the league in steals for a reason. You've got to be careful. Give him credit, they got steals and turned the game in their favor."

Notes: Paul came in hitting 87 percent of his free throws, but missed 3 of 6 in the first half. ... Dallas' Josh Howard missed his third straight game with a shoulder injury. Coach Rick Carlisle said there's no update on his status. ... During the second quarter, Dallas led 16-4 in points in the paint. New Orleans won that category 38-28.

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ALL-STATE

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cornerback Karl Lamming.

Two more Coyotes were named to the second-team — defensive lineman John Hensley and cornerback Tony Soto.

Of the eight players honored on the team or with awards, only Jake Cooley is a senior.

The Sands Mustangs made their first postseason appearance since 2002 and were rewarded by having four players given honorable mention to the all-state team.

Junior spreadback Johnny Rogers was the only Mustang named for his offensive efforts. Juniors Gabe Guillen and Daniel Armendariz and senior Ethan Zant received notoriety for their play on defense.

Six-man, Division I All-State team

Player of the Year: Johnny Abbott, Strawn
Offensive MVP: Adrian Hernandez, Fort Davis

Defensive MVP: Johnathan Lindsey, Strawn

Newcomer of the Year: Michael Everett, Throckmorton

Coach of the Year: Dewaine Lee, Strawn

First-team offense

Quarterback: Kyle Crawford, Abbott
Spreadback: Nathan Howard, May

Fullback: Trey Doyle, Strawn
Running back: Jacob Hancock, Valley;

Rico Rocha, Meadow; Wendell Green, Calvert.

Tight end: Brady Ramsey, Valley; Geno Santibanez, Gordon.

Center: Casey Everitt, Gordon
Wide receiver: David Smart, Paducah;
Zack Agnew, Vernon Northside.

Utility player: **Jake Schwartz, Garden City**

Special teams: Ethan Watson, Abbott
Kicker: Derrick Rankin, Throckmorton

First-team defense

Nose guard: Chris Rodgers, Abbott
Defensive line: Justin Hernandez, Follett;

Daniel Vargas, Gordon; Johnathan Wells, Follett.

Linebacker: Travis Walker, Calvert; Matt Bell, Meadow; Colt Price, Gordon.

Cornerback: Seth Sanchez, Ira; Derrance Grimes, Calvert.

Safety: Joe Ramos, Fort Davis; Victor Reyes, Strawn.

Utility player: Andrew Fowler, Richland Springs.

Punter: Jon McAnear, McLean

Second-team offense

Quarterback: Landon Jackson, Ropes
Spreadback: Colby White, Vernon Northside

Fullback: Luke Lobmeyer, Follett
Running back: Marcus Allen, Trinidad;

Hunter Johnson, Abbott.
Tight end: Jacob Schmitz, Rankin; Zayd Mahasneh, Trinidad.

Center: Rance Dunn, Ira
Wide receiver: Andrew Romero, Avalon;

Rigo Mireles, Ropes.
Utility player: Bryan Price, Abbott

Special teams: Ismael Tavarez, Ira
Kicker: Luis Elizondo, Strawn

Second-team defense

Nose guard: Randy Eudy, Happy
Defensive line: Robert Moore, Fort Davis;

Landry Freeling, Vernon Northside; Khalid Khatib, Richland Springs.

Linebacker: Travis Russell, Abbott; Colton

Snokhous, Abbott.

Cornerback: Braden Blau, Follett; Hustin Burkhardt, Richland Springs.

Safety: Xavier Green, Calvert; Adam Ramirez, Petersburg; Michael Thomas, Crowell.

Utility player: Brett Chudej, Garden City
Punter: Pecos Bohannon, Newcastle

Honorable mention

Quarterback: **Levin Schaefer, Garden City**

Linebacker: **Cole Schwartz, Garden City**

Six-man, Division II All-State team

Player of the Year: **Michael Cooley, Borden Co.**

Offensive MVP: Orlando Bell, Star
Defensive MVP: **Flynn Chapman, Borden Co.**

Newcomer of the Year: Jonathan Osborn, Motley Co.

Coach of the Year: **Trey Richey, Borden Co.**

First-team offense

Quarterback: **Miles Valentine, Borden Co.**

Spreadback: Jason Hughes, Zephyr
Fullback: Phillip Lascano, Sanderson

Running back: Caleb Hagle, Woodson; Stephen Ortiz, Sidney.

Tight end: **Jake Cooley, Borden Co.**; Randy Sullivan, Woodson.

Center: **Derek Tatum, Borden Co.**

Wide Receiver: Ian Pantoja, Sierra Blanca; Cody Wallin, Zephyr.

Utility player: Adam Ramirez, Sierra Blanca

Special teams: Loren Gil, Sierra Blanca
Kicker: Ryan Howard, Highland

First-team defense

Nose guard: Zac Smith, Highland
Defensive line: Justin Lawson, Sierra Blanca;

Tanner Martin, Highland; Alberto Martinez, Star.

Linebacker: Jared Hutchens, Woodson; Cameron Cox, Highland.

Cornerback: **Karl Lamming, Borden Co.**; Ryan Howard, Highland.

Safety: Jordan Bayse, Highland; Allen Martinez, Star.

Utility player: Ryan Rosas, Sanderson
Punter: Gabriel Porras, Sierra Blanca

Second-team offense

Quarterback: Eddie Witt, Walnut Springs
Spreadback: Keenan Lott, Lefors

Fullback: Cade Holt, Silverton
Running back: Landon Brown, Dawson;

J.D. Brotherton, Sanderson.
Tight end: Blake Strange, Silverton; Zach Turnham, Walnut Springs.

Center: Zach Wood, Highland
Wide Receiver: Kyle Steinbach, Lazbuddie;

Jose Santana, Klondike.
Utility player: Hunter Hammontree,

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Special teams: Andrew Martin, Motley Co.

Kicker: **Flynn Chapman, Borden Co.**

Second-team defense

Nose guard: Colt Caffey, Sidney
Defensive line: **John Hensley, Borden Co.**;

Spencer Dean, Highland; Taylor Hart, Zephyr.

Linebacker: True Burson, Silverton; Stanton Fanning, Sidney.

Cornerback: **Tony Soto, Borden Co.**;

Jacob Crim, Sidney.
Safety: Cory Hopper, Bryson; Hector Jimenez, Cherokee.

Utility player: Lacey Culpepper, Zephyr
Punter: Casey Rain, Cranfills Gap

Honorable Mention

Spreadback: **Johnny Rogers, Sands**

Defensive line: **Gabe Guillen, Sands**

Linebacker: **Daniel Armendariz, Sands**

Safety: **Ethan Zant, Sands**

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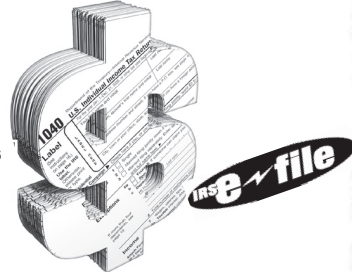
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